Environmental Horticulture #00023913
Extension Agent I, II, Orlando, Florida
Orange County (Central District)
Application deadline: July 13, 2007 or until filled

The responsibility of the Agent is to 1) provide overall leadership for planning, organization, coordination, implementation, supervision and volunteer recruitment for the Memorial Garden and establishment of small-scale demonstration gardens for educational programs, 2) provide on-site horticultural tours, programs and information through a variety of delivery methods to the community to meet the educational needs of clientele in the broad area of environmental horticulture, and 3) oversee computerized irrigation system for the gardens. Candidate is expected to utilize various tools and types of equipment in performance of the job, such as computer, calculator, soil sample tool, measuring wheel, shovel, trowel, camera, etc.

The Agent will team with other Faculty in carrying out programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H and Youth Development in support of the total County Extension Program. The Agent will be expected to maintain effective advisory and ad hoc committees and work with other community organizations and schools to implement a unique combination of programs to address the needs of a diverse audience.

Qualifications:
A bachelor’s degree in horticulture or closely related field is required. A master’s degree is preferred. The Agent must be personable, have good written and oral communication skills and build strong collaborations/partnerships. Qualities of resourcefulness, creativity and innovativeness are highly desirable. Knowledge/experience with computers is required. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Florida Driver’s License and be willing to travel with personal vehicle in and out of County. Occasional overnight travel required. The successful candidate must pass a background and drug free workplace test required by Orange County. Orange County is located in the Central Florida area, has a diverse population, and is a rapidly growing urban area. Candidate must possess skills in working with diverse audiences. Must be willing to work irregular hours and weekends.